(i) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 16th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their 8th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on The Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

(ii) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 18th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in their 14th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Urban Development' for the year 2006-2007; and

Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 19th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their 15th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation' for the year 2006-2007.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Status of Implementation of Recommendations Contained in One Hundred Seventy-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Kapil Sibal, I beg to lay a statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred Seventy-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION

Protests against Setting up of Steel Plant at Jagatsinghpur, Orissa

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to make a mention here on an issue of great importance. I wish this House takes note of what is happening in the Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa.

There is a very strong popular resistance to the steel plant proposed to be set up by Posco and there is a genuine fear and apprehension in the minds of several thousands of villagers living in that area. If that plant is set up, they will be displaced and the fertile agricultural land will be taken over by the Posco Steel Plant. I have been to that area; it is a very fertile agricultural land where paddy, coconut and beetlenut are cultivated. It is a fertile agricultural land and I do not know why such an agricultural land should be taken over by this plant.

Secondly, this plant is supposed to use up a large quantity of water from the River Mahanadi. This will lead to a very serious water crisis in the entire Mahanadi Delta. Also, it will cause very serious drinking water crisis for the city of Cuttack and other places on the banks of River Mahanadi.